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2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #81
Summer Announcement #74, Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, Subsistence
and Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use Fishing Schedules
and District 6 Commercial Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Conservation measures taken in Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B and 6-C will be discontinued now that the majority of Chinook salmon have passed out of the area. Furthermore, commercial fishing opportunity is being allowed to target summer chum salmon. This announcement opens one 42-hour commercial salmon fishing period in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B.

The Chinook salmon run is coming to an end in the Tanana River. The requirement that commercial fish wheels must be manned at all times during operations and all Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must immediately be released to the water alive is being discontinued. Commercial fishermen may use either set gillnets or fish wheels to target summer chum salmon. Commercial fisherman using set gillnets are restricted to a mesh size of 6 inches or less. However, commercial set gillnet fishermen are reminded that they should contact the buyer before fishing. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or retain them for subsistence purposes.

District 6 Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon Fishing:

Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the downstream mouth of Wood River): This area includes the communities of Manley, Minto, and Nenana.

The regular subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B consists of two 42-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 12:00 noon Wednesday and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 12:00 noon Sundays, and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

The Old Minto Area: (from the downstream end of upper Tolovana Island, located approximately 2 miles upstream from the mouth of the Tolovana River, to three miles upstream of the mouth of the Totchaket Slough)

The regular subsistence salmon fishing schedule in the Old Minto area is 5 days a week, from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays, and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Subdistrict 6-C: (from the mouth of the Wood River upstream to the downstream mouth of the Salcha River): This area includes the communities of Fairbanks, North Pole, and Salcha.

Personal use salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-C is currently closed.

Effective Monday August 5, Personal Use salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-C will be open from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 12:00 noon Wednesdays, and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 12:00 noon Sundays. Fisherman may use a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

Subsistence and Personal Use fishermen are reminded that a permit is required to fish for salmon in the Tanana River drainage. Subsistence fishermen fishing in Subdistrict 6-B three miles upstream of the mouth of Totchaket Slough and Personal Use fisherman in Subdistrict 6-C are required to report their harvest catches to the department by **4:30 PM Thursday** each week by contacting the department at **(907) 459-7388**. When you call, provide your name, permit number, fishing location, and daily catch by species for that week.

District 6 Commercial Salmon Fishing:

Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B: Commercial fishing will be open for two 42-hour fishing periods per week from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 12:00 noon Sundays, and from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 12:00 noon Wednesdays.

Commercial gillnets are restricted to a maximum mesh size of 6 inches or less. Commercial fishermen should coordinate with the buyer on a daily basis regarding scheduling deliveries. All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. All Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be recorded on the fish ticket. Other fish species caught but not sold must also be recorded on the fish ticket.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates are available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 or in Fairbanks call 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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